

NOMINATION FOR AWARD		
AWARD Community Involvement in Environment Planning	CATEGORY (If Applicable) Unit	AWARD PERIOD 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2001
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DAFSC/DUTY TITLE	NOMINEE'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial) DSN 339-2026, (405) 739-2026	
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SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)		
<p>Overall Effectiveness of Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Model program for emulation AF-wide! Personal approach serves both community and base interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Consistently resolves sensitive and emotional environmental issues before they become divisive -- Maintains positive relationships despite size of installation and significant environmental challenges - Successfully addressed noise issues when Tinker runway closure/repair changed traffic patterns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Accurately forecasted potential problems with aircraft operations moving to unusual areas and times -- Held public meetings to inform affected public, answer questions, avoid misconceptions, allay fears -- Coordinated with FAA, airfield managers, air traffic controllers to manage/alleviate the problem - Aggressively managed Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard PA program to satisfy opposing priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Informed public about sensitive wildlife preservation efforts while reducing known aircrew hazard -- Worked to refute wildlife advocate's misinformation; result: positive publicity and reduced threat - Million-dollar plus recycling program...outreach to base employees and area schools a huge success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- School visits by costumed PAO as "Recycloman" and contests help get message across to students - Constantly expanding on-base trail system preserves natural land, improves recreation, quality of life - Largest industrial waste water treatment plant in DoD but constant attention keeps complaints low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Odor problem used to drive frequent citizen and worker complaints; now a genuine success story -- EM and PA teamwork investigated, solved problem, communicated with internal, external groups - Aggressive PA role in face of major off-base water contamination; managed publicity, solved problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Immediately informed public through previously scheduled community action meeting--fast facts -- Quick fix with bottled water for 40 households maintained peace while determining a long-term fix <p>Research and Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research to provide fast, accurate information about contamination key to calming fearful residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Used combination of door-to-door contacts, website and newsletter to refute misinformation -- Designed and distributed a follow-up survey to residents affected by water contamination problem -- Honest feedback helped EM find mutually acceptable solution for 37 of the 40 affected households - Noise complaint investigations pointed to misunderstanding among civilian air traffic controllers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Met with local airport officials, controllers to remedy without jeopardizing working relationship - Avoided major clear zone conflict by close attention to community plans for future city development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Review of base requirements, community desires suggested changes that easily resolved problem -- Met with city planners, developers to outline potential conflict, propose solution...win/win result <p>Program Execution and Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise complaints reduced to near zero despite Tinker construction and unusual overflight areas, times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Positive media coverage helped build and maintain public support of mission requirements -- Valuable training flights and mission accomplishment stayed on target with no community impact - Incredibly positive media coverage of innovative bird strike hazard solutions despite local critics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Headline: "Tinker puts safety first while being a responsible caretaker of the environment!" - Constant feedback to wastewater treatment facility keeps the odor issue on high visibility issue list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Pressure to improve led to terrific results: complaints down more than 90% compared to last year - Recycling program generates enough money to run itself, as well as contributing to MWR funding - Encroachment team brings solutions vs. obstacles for community leaders wanting to build facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- True partnership between base and community leaders yields both environmental, economic gains <p>Innovativeness of Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joined forces with state of Oklahoma to sponsor mobile ecology education program for children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Earth Day coup! Base volunteers receive training then teach innovative ecology to local schools - Employing new technologies like Internet, e-mail to reach public, media on environmental concerns - Environmental PAO in "Recycloman" character reaches local students with mix of humor, education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Enhances environmental awareness and highlights benefits of recycling at home, work and school 		

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